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Attn:

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General Counsel

Registration of agencies of foreign powers

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1. With reference to your telephone inquiry about a contact who has been asked to serve as a scientific consultant [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] we submit the following information:

Registration of foreign propagandists and agents is covered by Title 22 of the U. S. Code, Sections 611 et seq. The exemptions are set forth in Section 613.

2. Among those exempted from registration are those set forth in Subsection (e) as follows:

"Any person engaging or agreeing to engage only in activities in furtherance of bona fide religious, scholastic, academic or scientific pursuits or of the fine arts;"

We have checked with the Alien Registration Unit of the Department of Justice to make sure of the interpretation of this exemption and it is quite clear that the U. S. citizen may serve as a scientific consultant for a foreign institute (whether or not State controlled) without registering under the Act. He must, of course, not carry on any propaganda activities or represent such institute's interests before Congress, the United Nations or other public organizations.

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3. So far as the [REDACTED] is concerned, we have checked with the [REDACTED] desk in State informally and with one or two other offices but have so far received no positive information. At least there is no adverse information. Possibly OSI could help you and certainly complete information on such an institute must be available somewhere in the Government if you require it. Please call on us if we can be of any help.

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